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COMMENT OF THE DAY

DEFENCE POLICY DEBATE

THE Conservative Government has won parliamentary approval for its defence policy based on the threat of nuclear retaliation against any possible Soviet aggression and the stationing of United States missiles in the country.

Western defence policy has never been put more bluntly than that outlined by Mr Duncan Sandys, the Defence Minister. Mr Sandys made it clear that if the Russians should attack in Europe, even only with conventional weapons, there would be immediate retaliation with nuclear weapons. This is the clearest notice ever served on the Kremlin against risking any such adventure against the West.

Not Upset

THE Defence Minister claims that the balance of military power has not been upset by the Soviet's remarkable achievements in outer space, and that the overall superiority of the West is likely to increase rather than diminish with the introduction of medium-range missiles.

Mr Sandys has said that it will be several years before the Soviet Union can complete the development of a really accurate inter-continental ballistic missile. Mr Sandys is optimistic and has not been swayed by the dismay which swept the United States when the Russians launched their space satellites and it can only be assumed that the Minister has access to other information.

Services' Roles

THE roles of the three Services have now been fully explained. Some senior officers, particularly in the RAF do not see eye-to-eye with the Minister. Although they agree that missiles will eventually supersede bomber aircraft they contend that the day is a long way off.

The Navy is to have two distinct roles. In the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean it will operate within Nato with the object of meeting the big Russian submarine threat to Europe's lifeline. In the East there will be a "balanced, all-purpose fleet of appreciable strength" to fulfil commitments in the area.

Pay Increases

AND finally, the Minister has managed to persuade his colleagues that the only way to retain men in the Forces is to increase their pay and he now hopes that there will be enough recruits to halt the call-up after 1960.

The emphasis on the increasing preparedness of the Forces is possibly the most reassuring aspect of the whole of the White Paper. This cannot be taken as an aggressive policy—it is merely realistic.

The ultimate objective of the British Government is to have a strong hand in producing an understanding and a start to disarmament if "summit" talks take place. Thus a realistic policy makes sense.

In Your Saturday Mail

The weekend China Mail this week begins a new feature that no one interested in money should miss... the tale of men who had that extra something that carried them FROM RAGS TO RICHES—by John Cottrell;

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Defeat For Labour Motion

London, Feb. 27. THE British Government's nuclear and general defence policy won the approval of the House of Commons tonight by 317 votes to 261—a Government majority of 56.

The House of Commons rejected a critical Labour Opposition amendment by 318 votes to 263—a majority of 55.

The Labour motion had urged the House to reject Government policy which it said "rests predominantly upon the threat of thermo-nuclear warfare."

Complained

This motion also complained that the Government insisted on installing rocket bases in Britain before the projected East-West "summit" talks.

Main theme of the two-day debate was a statement by Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, that if Russia launched a major attack, even with conventional forces only, the West would have to hit back with nuclear weapons.

Mr John Strachey, a former War Secretary, warning up for the Opposition, said the motion was a "policy of the British people could not accept."

Maintained

But Mr Christopher Scamers, Secretary for War, who replied to the debate, maintained that the Russians would not "chance" their arm in a manner they could not result in nuclear retaliation.

Differences in the Labour Party on defence were highlighted by Mr Emanuel Shinwell, a former Labour Defence Minister. He said Labour's official defence policy and that of the Government was "less acute" than the differences on defence in the Labour Party itself.

He said those Labour members who wanted to ban the hydrogen bomb had been defeated at the Party's annual conference.

Mr Shinwell urged them to "accept your defeat in a democratic fashion."

He also attacked Labour's official spokesman who said the American missiles were not very good. He called this "nonsense."

US Missiles

Earlier Mr George Ward, Secretary for Air, had defended the Government's decision to allow bases in Britain for American missiles.

He asked if anyone believed Russia would hesitate to use nuclear weapons if she found herself losing a war fought only with conventional weapons.

Mr Geoffrey de Freitas, who resumed the debate today for Labour, complained that the Americans, by keeping control of the missile warheads, were saying the British could not be trusted with them.—*United Press.*

Brighton Police Officers Guilty

CHIEF CONSTABLE FREED

London, Feb. 27. Two of three Brighton senior police officers were found guilty on conspiracy charges after a long trial, which ended at the Old Bailey court here this evening.

The third, Chief Constable of the Brighton force, 50-year-old Charles Ridge, was acquitted after a further hour's deliberation by the jury who had already taken four hours and a half to reach its verdict against the two other accused police officers.

Det-Insp. John Hammetley (40) and Det-Sgt Trevor Heath (36). Thirty-six-year-old bookmaker, Samuel Bellson was also found guilty but bar licensee, Anthony Lyons, who was charged in the same conspiracy trial, was acquitted. Police Chief Ridge and bar-keeper Lyons were released on bail as the prosecuting authorities reserved the right to proffer other charges.

The month-old trial—one of the longest in the history of the Old Bailey Criminal Court—revolved around series of prosecution allegations of bribery and corruption between the five defendants.

They had all pleaded not guilty to conspiring together and with others to obstruct the course of justice between January 1949, and October last year.

The sentences on those found guilty were postponed until tomorrow.—*France-Press* and *Reuter.*

General Relieved Of Command For Exercising 'Poor Judgment'

Washington, Feb. 27.

Air Force Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White today relieved his Commanding General in the Philippines area for "exercising poor judgment on various occasions."

ARMS PLANE FORCED TO LAND

Algiers, Feb. 28. French spokesmen announced late last night that a plane carrying cases of arms made a forced landing yesterday at an airport near the seaport of Bone in circumstances that are under investigation.

The type, destination and nationality of the aircraft were not announced. Bone is 54 miles west of the Tunisian frontier. Unconfirmed reports said that the plane was an unmarked American-built B-17 Flying Fortress and had been forced down by French fighter planes.

REBELS

A spokesman for the Office of the Minister for Algeria, Robert Laeotte, confirmed rumours last night that a plane had landed but said that first reports did not indicate that the arms were destined for the Algerian rebels.

First reports from Bone said that the plane's four-man crew included two Americans, an Englishman and an Israeli, the Ministry spokesman said.

He said the crew told authorities they had taken off from Israel and were on their way to Venezuela.

The arms cargo included 202 bazookas, four mortars, 100 sub-machineguns and corresponding ammunition, the spokesman said.—*United Press.*

Demonstrators Fired On In Damascus

Cairo, Feb. 27. The Middle East News Agency reported from Damascus today that Iraqi police opened fire on pro-Nasser demonstrators in Baghdad today.

The report said that the Iraqi Government had deployed Army troops in the streets of the capital.

The Agency quoted reports reaching Damascus that a number of policemen and demonstrators had been wounded.

The demonstrators had cheered the new United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria and its President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and condemned the Federation of Iraq and Jordan and the Eisenhower Doctrine, the agency report said.—*United Press.*

Miners Buried

Buenos Aires, Feb. 28. Several rescue teams were working to dig out eight workers who were buried today when a tunnel at a hydro-electric factory at El Corralito collapsed.—*Times-Press.*

The Air Force said Major-General John B. Ackerman, Commander of the 13th Air Force, has been ordered "relieved of command" and to report to the Pentagon.

The statement offered no examples of poor judgment and did not otherwise explain the sudden relief of Ackerman from his command.

The Air Force said Ackerman has been assigned temporarily to Headquarters, US Air Force, as an Air Force spokesman said Ackerman already was en-route by air to Washington.

WEST POINT

Ackerman is a 1932 West Point graduate. He has been in the Air Force since 1934, and has served in the Philippines, South Asia, and other areas of South Asia. He was based at Clark Field, Manila.

Before becoming Commander of the 13th Air Force in August, 1956, he had served for three years as Vice Director of the top secret National Security Agency in Washington.

He is rated a command pilot, and had previously served since World War II as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations in Washington, Assistant Air Attache at the American Embassy in London and Assistant Director of Air Force Intelligence in Washington.

The Air Force later announced that General Ackerman had been relieved of his command on the ground that he had "exercised poor judgment."

INVESTIGATORS

This was the way in which he was alleged to have exercised "poor judgment."

Investigators of the House Appropriations Committee had checked on General Ackerman's activities at Clark Field last autumn, and had reported that although he spent no large sum of money on his various quarters (two sets of temporary quarters and his final permanent quarters), his action had been "destructive of morale" and had been the source of much gossip in military circles.

The Air Force said it fully concurred with the committee's finding and that the manner in which General Ackerman carried out his projects could be construed to have been more for his personal prestige and aggrandizement than for the good of the service.

The General would be given an opportunity to explain his side of the case to the Chief of Staff when he returned to Washington, the Air Force added.—*United Press* and *Reuter.*

Tunisian Charge

United Nations, Feb. 27. Tunisia charged tonight that France has forcibly evicted approximately 250,000 Algerians in order to create a no-man's-land on the Tunisian frontier.

In a letter to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, the Tunisians said that between February 19 and 23 at least 1,000 refugees entered Tunisia in one province alone.

Tunisia in one province alone has about 1,000,000 inhabitants and the influx is increasing daily at all points on the Tunisian frontier.—*United Press.*

Doctor Says: Cancer Caused By Air Pollution, Not Cigarettes

Newcastle On Tyne, Feb. 27.

A doctor who has studied lung cancer for nearly 60 years today declared it was nearly all caused by atmospheric pollution and not by cigarettes.

He is Dr Frederic de Bybus, emeritus professor of surgery at Durham University.

The atmosphere of some cities produced the same effect on the lungs as if they all smoked 100 cigarettes a day, he declared.

BEYOND DOUBT

It was proved "beyond doubt" that benz-pyrene caused cancer. It was present in smoke from burning coal in such large quantities as to account for 90 per cent of cancer.

Other causes, such as diesel and petrol fumes, cigarettes and garden fires added to the danger, but insignificantly in comparison, he said.—*China Mail Special.*

CRASH OF BOMBER DENIED

London, Feb. 27. Britain's Air Ministry tonight denied that a British bomber aircraft had crashed in or near Britain while carrying a nuclear weapon.

It was commenting on a statement in the House of Commons tonight by Mr Geoffrey de Freitas, a former Air Under-Secretary, who said he had been told that not long ago an aircraft carrying a nuclear weapon crashed in a field in East Anglia, England.

A spokesman of the United States Air Force in Britain said tonight he had no record of such an occurrence.—*Reuter.*

Human Torch

Salgon, Feb. 27. Hoang Van Dap, 38-year-old merchant, committed suicide near Salgon's most fashionable shopping district by cooking his clothes with gasoline and setting fire to them.

The human torch died in the centre of a public street near Rue Cathalin, the street of Salgon's luxury shops. He was dependent over a 6,000 piastre (about US\$140) debt on which his wife had been asked at the time of the Lunar New Year holiday.—*United Press.*

BITTEREST FIGHTING IN YEARS

Algerian Spring Offensive In Full Swing

Algiers, Feb. 27.

Over 400 Algerian insurgents and at least 20 French soldiers have been killed in the past day or two in some of the bitterest fighting since the Algerian uprising began over three years ago, it was reported here tonight.

Twenty French soldiers and 225 insurgents were killed near Duivivier, 30 miles south of Bone, Eastern Algeria, when an insurgent force alleged to have crossed the Tunisian border, was "all but exterminated," French sources said.

In another part, at the eastern end of the Nememchinas mountains, 100 insurgents were killed. French casualties were not announced. Reports tonight said the battle was continuing.

Plane Down

In other clashes in eastern Algeria insurgent forces totalling about 100, French sources said, in one battle, insurgents forced down a Piper Cub observation plane.

Quantities of machine guns, automatic rifles and pistols, some mortars and a rocket projector were reported to have been captured by the French.

There was a hand-to-hand fighting in the battle south of Bone which raged all day yesterday and, earlier today, was reported still in progress.

Fierce Clashes

Fierce clashes in the Tunisian frontier area since the weekend have brought total French losses for February to an estimated 204 men killed. Insurgent losses in February were put at more than 1,500 killed.

According to reports reaching here the French forces in Algeria are now up against insurgent bands better armed and better trained than ever before.

Insurgent strength is estimated at about 30,000 men, each with rifle or sub-machine gun, organized in battalions, companies and platoons.—*Reuter.*

REDSTONE MISSILE SENT UP

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 27. A Redstone missile—first stage of the Army's Jupiter-C satellite launcher, was fired successfully today.

A new high energy fuel—the type used to launch the carrier which flung the Explorer satellite into space—powered today's Redstone flight.

The missile trailed a slender trail of flame as it soared into the sky through broken clouds.

Unfavourable weather conditions apparently were preventing the launching of another Navy Vanguard with a small test satellite.—*United Press.*

COMMUNIST PARTY TO DISSOLVE

Manila, Feb. 28. The Communist Party of the Philippines has decided on its dissolution and the mass surrender of Huk, provided top Communist leader Jesus Lava is granted an audience by President Carlos Garcia, a surrender ranking Communist leader disclosed last night.

Pedro Caguilan, formerly Southern Luzon Huk chief and member of the Party Politburo, in a radio interview said the Party reached this decision during a top-level meeting on March 29 last year.

Caguilan surrendered about half a year ago. He said he had already conferred with Garcia on the Party's surrender but declined to disclose further details.—*France-Press.*

Russia Explodes Two Nuclear Devices

Washington, Feb. 27. Russia exploded two giant nuclear weapons today—both in the megaton-range, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) announced.

"Megalot" means a weapon equivalent in power to one million tons of TNT. AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss described both explosions as "large-yield" tests.

Large Yield

The AEC announcement said the two explosions "brought to three the number of Soviet large-yield nuclear explosions in the past five days."

The second Soviet explosion today was reported to Strauss shortly after he had announced the mid-afternoon test that Russia had staged the day's first test.

The AEC said: "The two Soviet detonations detected today occurred north of the Arctic Circle in the same general area as the Soviet megaton-range nuclear test on Sunday, February 23."

Warheads

Disclosure that the current test series is being held in the Arctic interested atomic observers.

There has been speculation that the Russians have tested hydrogen warheads for inter-continental missiles in the far North.

Some observers believe they have fired missiles above the atmosphere to test nuclear explosion effects in space.—*United Press.*

Attempt To Kidnap Champion

Havana, Feb. 27. Police said tonight they had foiled an attempt to kidnap World Lightweight Boxing Champion, Joe Brown, similar to that in which World Auto Racing Champion, Juan Manuel Fangio, was snatched by Cuban rebels this week.

The police report said three armed unidentified men were arrested because of their "suspicious" attitude outside the Hotel Lincoln where Brown was staying. It was the same hotel from which Fangio was abducted last Sunday.

The three were arrested just prior to Brown's departure for Miami at 2.30 p.m., with his wife and trainer.—*United Press.*

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"WE SHOULD MAKE OWN ATOMIC MATERIALS" FRENCH NUCLEAR BOMB? RESEARCH POLICY PLAYED IN ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Paris, Feb. 27.

Jean Montalat, permanent rapporteur for atomic questions of the French National Assembly's Defence Commission, said today that France should make her own atomic materials.

M. Montalat, speaking in a National Assembly debate on the 1958 defence budget, said that if France exploded her own atomic weapon soon it would have to be with enriched uranium bought abroad.

Referring to reports that France could have six bombs by 1960 and 40 by 1963, M. Montalat said: "But we have very little plutonium and no uranium 235—a disastrous state of affairs, especially when we consider that Britain had nothing in 1940, and yet exploded her Montebello bomb in 1952."

"Yet we have spent in six years very much more than the £83 million which, according to Mr. Churchill, atomic research cost England."

M. Montalat added: "In such circumstances, why announce in early French atomic explosion? It would have to take place with uranium bought abroad. That would mean nothing. What matters is that France should be able to make her own atomic materials."

Indonesia's Denial

Djakarta, Feb. 27.
An Indonesian Information Ministry spokesman has denied that an Indonesian gunboat recently disturbed shipping in Johore Straits, the Pia News Agency said today.

A Dutch steamer, the 250-ton Labuan Hadji, has alleged that it was "harassed" by a gunboat in Malayan territorial waters on Tuesday.

According to Pia, the spokesman said no Indonesian warships were operating beyond their instructions to guard Indonesian sovereignty and combat smuggling and illegal barter.

Grenade Flung Into Restaurant

Djakarta, Feb. 27.
Armed troops surrounded the Capital Theatre restaurant in the heart of Djakarta tonight after discovery of what was reported to be an unexploded hand-grenade on a nearby terrace.

Eyewitnesses later said the grenade landed with the pin pulled out, but there was no explosion.

They said the grenade may have been thrown from the street but no official statement was available from the investigators.—Reuter.

FRENCH FIGHTER PLANE CRASHES IN TUNISIA

United Nations, Feb. 27.

Tunisia informed the United Nations today that a French fighter plane crashed in Tunisian territory on Monday and killed a native labourer.

The Tunisian Ambassador, Mongi Slim, submitted a letter to the Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, for transmission to the Security Council which said that on Monday morning a French Mistral fighter aircraft, caught fire in the air and crashed at Beni Toum (Louata, Sfax), seven kilometres from Bizerte, killing a Tunisian labourer.

"The body of the pilot, who had been killed instantly, was removed from the wreckage of the aircraft," the letter said. "The aircraft was armed with machine guns."

"This incident is one further illustration of the repeated violations of Tunisian airspace by French military aircraft, which persist in committing such violations despite the warnings of the Tunisian authorities."

GERM WARFARE CHARGES ARE RENEWED

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

China today renewed charges that the U.S. had used germ warfare during the Korean war. The charges were repeated today by the New China News Agency as it reported the departure of U.S. lawyer Abraham Wirin from Peking for home.

Wirin, one of the first five U.S. citizens to visit China with U.S. State Department approval, arrived in China on January 6 with three American mothers who went to visit their imprisoned sons.

Wirin went to China to collect evidence for the defence in the sedition trial of John William Powell and his wife, who allegedly published material accusing the U.S. of germ warfare during the Korean conflict. Powell was editor in chief of the former Shanghai China Monthly Review at the time.

The trial is taking place in the U.S. district court of northern California in San Francisco.

Reporting on Wirin's activities since his arrival, the Agency said that the more than 40 people Wirin was allowed to meet told him that the reports of U.S. germ warfare during the Korean fighting were "entirely true."

The Agency said that all of those whom Wirin met were willing to serve as witnesses in the Powell case and to provide "abundant evidence," but could do so only if the U.S. agreed to sign an agreement on judicial assistance with China.

Until such an agreement was signed, the witnesses told Wirin, they were not supplying him with the "concrete material for evidence."—United Press.

The Aga Khan

London, Feb. 27.
The Aga Khan left London by air tonight for Zurich. He said he would spend two days in Switzerland.—Reuter.

Call-Girl Racket Broken Up

Tokyo, Feb. 27.
POLICE announced the arrest today of five proprietors and 10 girls for operating a call-girl racket in the guise of marriage consultation bureaus.

Investigation of a recent mushroom growth of "marriage consultation offices," they said, showed 17 out of 18 were fronts for brothel owners who turned to the call-girl business after the anti-prostitution law forced them out of business.—United Press.

Price War Breaks Out In New York

New York, Feb. 27.
A price war broke out here today and sent bargain-hunters round shops to snap up radios, electric toasters, coffee percolators and food mixers at up to 40 per cent below list prices.

The General Electric Company announced yesterday that retailers were no longer bound by a price-fixing agreement known as the "air price law."

Their chief competitor, Sunbeam Corporation, followed suit—and the war was on.

Clock radios were selling at US\$27.95, US\$12 cheaper, and coffee percolators at US\$14.95—four dollars cheaper.

Reports today said the price war was spreading to Chicago, Albany and Philadelphia.—China Mail Special.

Eisenhower

Washington, Feb. 27.
President Eisenhower will make a nationally televised address to a dinner meeting of Republican Senators and Representatives on May 6, the White House announced tonight.—United Press.

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CABLE BRIEFS

Washington, Feb. 27. Where is a radish not a garden vegetable?

Answer: In Poland, according to Rep. Thaddeus M. Maciagowski (Democrat - Michigan), who reported that in his native country the name radish is applied to government officials who are not Communists at heart.

That is, he said, they are red on the surface but while all the way through.—United Press.

Mrs. Phyllis Burgess received a divorce from her husband, Ronald, yesterday after testifying that for a major portion of their 11-year marriage he said "Goodbye" to her in the morning, "Hello" in the evening, and nothing else.—United Press.

Burlington, Feb. 27. The marriage of Ruth and Charles Philpott has run a rough course.

Married in 1937, the couple were divorced in 1943. Remarried in 1944, they broke up again in 1948, then remarried again in 1949. Now Mrs. Philpott has filed a new petition for divorce.—United Press.

Raleigh, Feb. 27. A theatre owner near the campus of North Carolina State College got prompt results when he displayed a life-size cardboard figure of sultry French actress Brigitte Bardot. The figure disappeared the first night.—United Press.

Three Rivers, Feb. 27. Police asked 11-year-old Thomas Kline yesterday how it happened that he rammed his bicycle into a moving automobile.

"You wouldn't believe this," Thomas told them, "but I fell asleep at the handlebars."—United Press.

DISARMAMENT DIPLOMAT

Washington, Feb. 27. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth, has been appointed chief U.S. negotiator in any future talks with Russia on the "urgent" disarmament question, the State Department announced today.

Wadsworth, currently Deputy U.S. Representative at the United Nations, succeeds Harold E. Stassen, who recently stepped out to campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Pennsylvania.—United Press.

Attacked Police Barrier

Jerusalem, Feb. 27. With Their Bare Hands

THREE police arrested 20 demonstrators and had six men injured when members of the religious movement "Natouri Karia" rioted today in protest against the building of a mixed-bathing swimming pool.

After three hours of meetings, chanting and psalm readings in the "Voluntary Ghetto" near Shearim, a thousand demonstrators set off to parade the main streets of Jerusalem carrying banners.

They quickly ran into police barricades which they attacked furiously with their bare hands.

The police had to call in the fire brigade to damp down the crowd with their hoses.

Even then dispersal was slow and the demonstrators went away wildly calling the Israeli police "Nazis".—France-Press.

Police State Methods, Complains Bishop

Florence, Feb. 27. An attorney for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato today charged that "police state methods" were being used in prosecuting the Prelate for alleged defamation of an Italian couple who had been branded "public sinners" for failing to undergo a religious wedding.

The attorney, Pietro Agostino D'Avella, told a court in Florence that the case had taken on "national importance."

He asserted that "it is not the Church which has invaded the political field, but the state which is mixing in religious affairs."

Monsignor Pietro Floridelli, the Bishop of Prato, and parish priest, Daniello Ajazzi, are accused of defaming former Communist partisan, Mauro Bellandi and his wife, Lorisana.

They had denounced the Bellandis as "public sinners" living in concubinage. They had been legally married in a civil ceremony.

The public prosecutor conceded yesterday that the Bishop had "offended" the reputation and honour of the couple, but declared he acted in good faith, and recommended acquittal.

The defending lawyer declared today that "the Church can never accept the contention of a Catholic that a civil ceremony is enough for marriage and that the creation of this tie is within the competence of the state and not the Church." A verdict is expected tomorrow.—France-Press.

THREAT TO BRITISH SHIPPING

London, Feb. 27. The British Chamber of Shipping in London passed a resolution today expressing "profound concern" at the threat caused by the rapid increase in the number of ships trading under the flags of Panama, Liberia, Honduras and Costa Rica.

The resolution at the Chamber's annual meeting in London pointed out that this tonnage now reached more than 14,250,000 tons and called for the urgent setting up of arrangements under which British shipping could compete with "flags of convenience."

Mr. R. D. Ropner in his presidential address said that in ten years' time Liberia could be the biggest maritime country in the world.—Reuter.

Civilians Evacuate Coastal Areas

Rebels Prepare For Attack

Djakarta Assault Expected Soon By Revolutionaries

By ROBERT UDICK

Padang, Feb. 27.

Officials of the Revolutionary Government prepared today for a Central Government attack that they felt would be launched "within days."

Civilians acquainted with World War II and post-war events, were moving their women and children away from coastal zones regarded as potential landing points. The military authorities were pleased that the movement was voluntary and said troops assigned to coastal defence would now have room to move in an emergency.

Most of the civilian side of the revolutionary government have moved to the mountains around Bukittinggi, according to the original plans, but the military appeared to be standing fast to defend the coast.

Lt.-Col. Hussein, Central Sumatra's military commander before he became chief of the Revolutionary Council, made a prominent tour of the Padang area today, apparently to counter reports from Djakarta that he had moved his family to Singapore.

A spokesman, commenting on reports from the Celebes, accused the Central Government of spending "millions of rupiahs" to sponsor a coup against Colonel Ventje Sumual's troops, who hold the long northern neck of land on Celebes on which Menado is situated.

He charged that the Central Government would make similar offers to a delegation from Aceh in North Sumatra and declared that this effort by the Central Government would fail. Activity in Padang was halted briefly today when a Catalina flying boat caused an alert. Many residents ignored

the alert although soldiers instructed the public to clear the streets during raids.

Revolutionary officials were disturbed at first by reports of the seizure of the KPM ship Kasmibar in the Straits of Malacca but when further reports said the ship had been flying the Dutch flag, they felt that the incident "clearly isolated" from the revolutionary movement.—United Press.

TEAR GAS USED ON STUDENTS

Madras, Feb. 27. POLICE used tear gas today to disperse student demonstrations in Ernakulam, in Communist-run Kerala State.

The students, estimated at 3,000, picketed bus transportation and prevented buses from running on schedule. Police intervened when the students clashed with workers.

The dispute started two days ago when students and bus workers started an argument which led to a brawl. The students decided to picket buses to support their demand that the government dismiss the workers involved in the argument.—United Press.

Bigger & Better Missiles Promised

Washington, Feb. 27. The Air Force promised the U.S. today new intercontinental ballistic missiles that will carry much larger warheads than the city-wrecking hydrogen weapons now planned.

Richard E. Horner, Assistant Air Force Secretary, told the annual Air Force Association Jet Age conference that the Air Force is "sure" a much-improved missile nose cone can be designed.

He said the new nose cone— he called it a "more sophisticated re-entry body"—will be able to carry larger warheads over greater distances than the present 5,000-mile missile range.

The weapon, he said, would plummet down on targets at "much higher speeds" than the 12,000 to 15,000 miles per hour of current long-range ballistic missiles.

Lt.-Gen. Clarence S. Irvine, Deputy Air Force Chief of Staff, urged industry representatives attending the conference to throw out "horse and buggy" production methods which might slow the U.S. in the missile and space race with Russia.

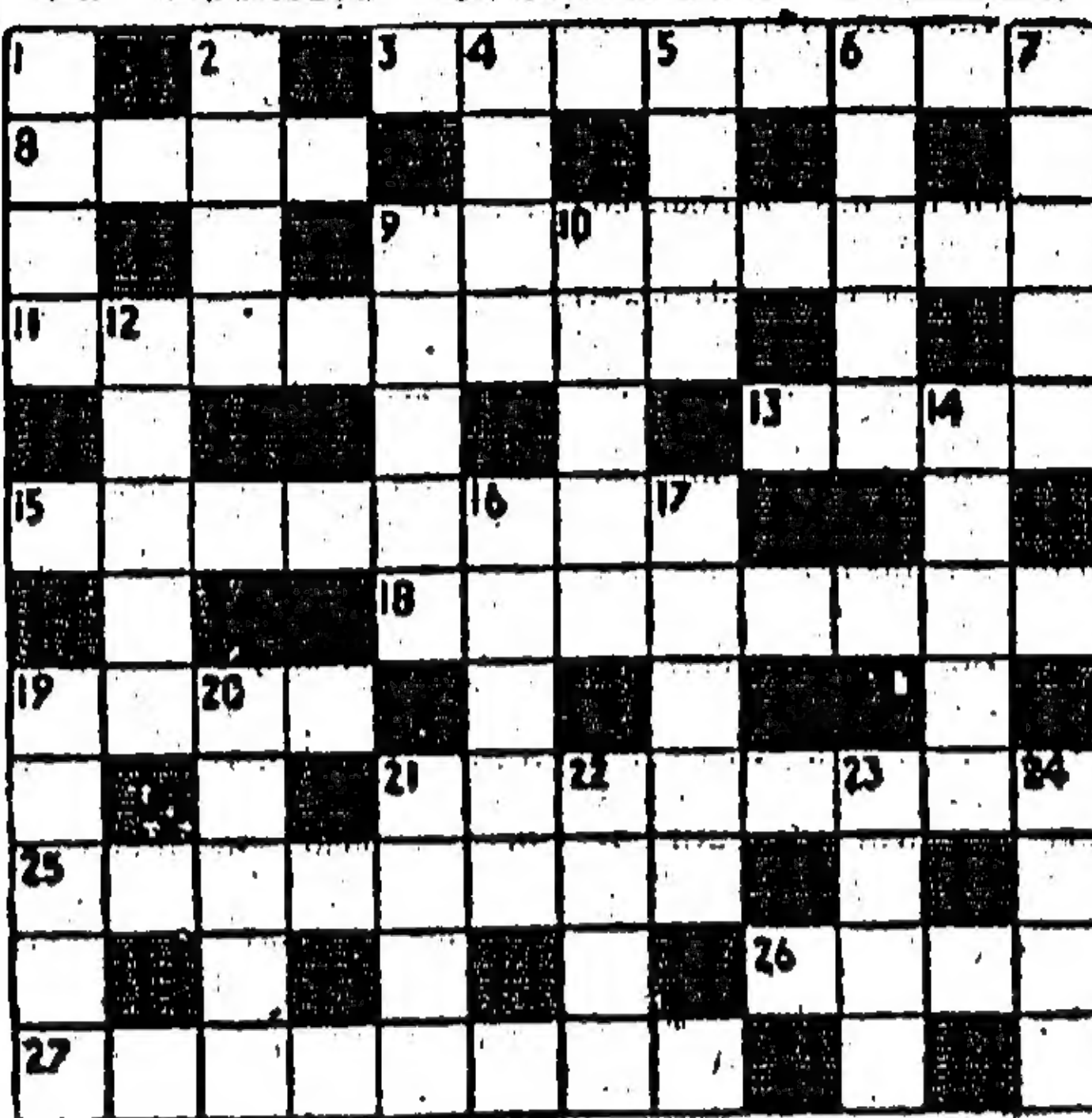
Companies which fail to "keep pace" with swiftly changing technology, he said, "cannot expect much in the way of Air Force business" in the future.—United Press.

Rare Fossils Stolen

New York, Feb. 27. A BROOKLYN College geology professor admitted today to unidentified thieves to return 400 plant fossils, some of them 40 million years old, which were stolen from his parked car last night.

The Professor, Herman Becker, said the plants had no resale value but were priceless scientific specimens. Some are very rare and others are entirely unknown, he said.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Work on hand (8).
 - 5 Paddy (4).
 - 8 Goldsmith's village was (8).
 - 11 Vehicle grounds (3, 5).
 - 13 The eye of allurements (4).
 - 15 Herring-pond (8).
 - 17 With so many using it, it should cut all night (8).
 - 19 Move a short way (4).
 - 21 Trying times, these (8).
 - 23 All there (8).
 - 25 Comes from a rugged country but cannot play on the wing (4).
 - 27 Clutching mainly grating (8).
- DOWN
- 1 He's partly American (4).
 - 2 Mark left (4).
 - 4 Say without doubt (4).
 - 6 Beware March 15 (4).
 - 8 Up to now (5).
 - 7 All over (5).
 - 9 Discourage (8).
 - 10 Hank is woolly (5).
 - 12 London suburb (5).
 - 14 Another profit? (5).
 - 16 Chez redskin (5).
 - 17 Wood (5).
 - 19 Under an assumed name in short (6).
 - 20 Punctuation mark (5).
 - 22 K.D. (4).
 - 23 Old boy it means death (4).
 - 24 Pass over (4).

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Ruling, 4 Pearl, 7 Measures, 8 Idiot, 9 Agenda, 11 Norway, 13 Tripper, 15 Abused, 18 Shear, 19 Aviators, 20 Ledge, 21 Norway, Down: 1 Burn-B-A, 2 Iscen, 3 German-E, 4 Fosies, 5 A-Bridges, 6 Lastly, 10 Eminence, 12 Orator, 13 Tassel, 14 Parade, 16 Utter, 17 Dusty.

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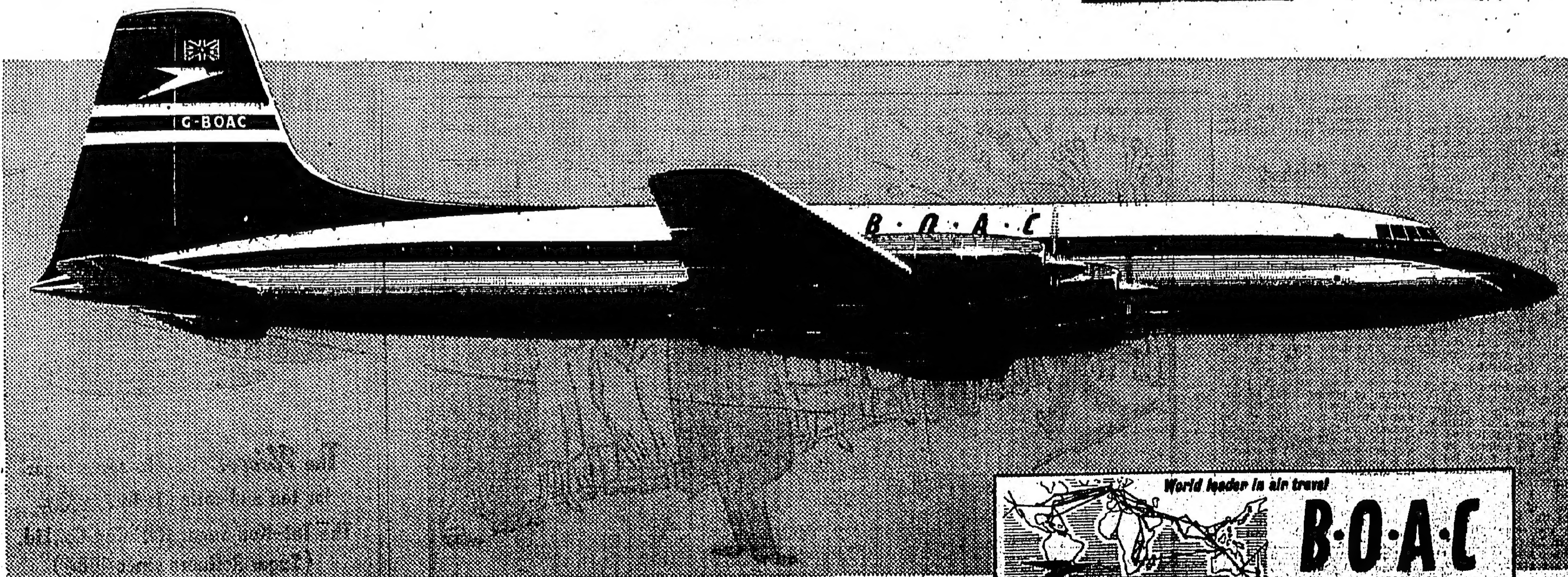
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THE T.V. FEW

SOMETHING is happening in the vast organised industry of British entertainment. It may or may not prove significant but some of us are daring to hope. But perhaps my story should be put down in proper sequence.

You can imagine the surprise and shock to public taste when it was announced that Sadler's Wells was to present no less a revival than "The Merry Widow." Eyebrows were raised so high that it seemed they would never come down again. Here were State-subsidised singers and orchestral players descending to a musical comedy about a venerable one.

So the first night arrived and, wonder of wonders, there was a box office queue that nearly stopped the traffic. Everybody was telling everybody else of those wondrous far off days when the lovely Lily Elsie and the one and only Joe Coyne played "The Widow" until it seemed that the run would never end.

Despite Misgivings

But who could possibly play the role today? The choice fell on Thomas Round an ex-policeman, ex-nerdman and a very good chap with a fine tenor voice. He is a likable fellow and we wished him well despite our misgivings. And what a night it proved to be!

Instead of gazing like dopes at animated figures and listening to microphoned voices on a television screen we were actually hearing the human voice and looking on real people as God created them. Nor was that all. Here were pretty girls and handsome young fellows performing for us and only us who were lucky enough to get tickets.

The critics who had gone to patronise fell under the spell, and one of them was actually seen applauding at the end. Incidentally it was in keeping that the orchestral conductor was a handsome young fellow in his twenties. In fact it was a night to remember.

Next day there was a long queue of people trying to book seats. Even now if you get tickets for "The Merry Widow" you enjoy a prestige almost equal to the New Yorker who had tickets for "My Fair Lady."

It may seem an exaggeration but I am certain that the triumph of this charming old piece is a spontaneous reaction against the theatre of today and also against television. Under the impact of the Angry Young Men Cult headed by John Osborne there has been an ugly pessimism in the theatre. Osborne started it with "Look Back in Anger" and Sir Laurence Olivier lent his powerful prestige support when he agreed to play the lead of the drunkard, dissolute, cheap vaudeville entertainer in Osborne's "The Entertainer." It was another drama set in the very dregs of hopelessness and despairing cynicism and it played to capacity. The fact that Olivier did it brilliantly must be taken into account but the genius behind it all was London's Angry Young Man No. 1—John Osborne.

But the story does not end there. Lord Beaverbrook's London Evening Standard always holds a gay and distinguished supper party at the Savoy once a year to grant awards to the best author, actor, actress and most promising playwright of the London theatre year. Quite rightly Olivier was the No. 1 actor and the other winners were equally deserving. I was given the pleasant task of proposing the health of the winning actor and actress, plus the author of the best play and also the most promising author. No doubt, going beyond my brief, I pointed out that all four of them had earned their awards in plays dealing with human degradation.

Perhaps it was because I had come directly to the Savoy from "The Merry Widow" where the charm and humour of other days had reminded us that, unlike the animal kingdom, the relation of the sexes in human beings is spiritual as well as biological. Not content with that I deplored the pessimism of the modern theatre in its choice of subjects. It was some satisfaction that Vivien Leigh called me on the telephone next morning and said that she agreed with every word.

In studying this curious trend in public taste one cannot leave out the overpowering impact of

television. It is easy to condemn that remarkable invention which brings into our homes the great personalities of the world, which shows Prime Minister Macmillan waving to acclaiming crowds and leaves us gazing at studio vaudeville performances which would have caused a riot if they had been presented to the sergeants' mess in the 1914 war.

Let me be honest as well as frank. I would not be without my T.V. set if its costs were fifty times what it is at present. It brings companionship to the lonely, it mingles the first class with items of no class at all; it amuses, and abuses but with its magic it brings great events before our eye. One might as well try to stop the rush of waters at Niagara as to limit the impact of T.V.

Yet we would be guilty of irresponsibility if we did not count the intangible moment that the Messiah is being performed at the Albert Hall or better still, Massey Hall. Supposing when the tenor had finished the solo "Every valley shall be exalted" that a man with an untimely voice came on the platform and informed us that the tenor always took a dose of Pariline—ten shillings a bottle at all drug stores.

LONDON LETTER

by Sir Beverley Baxter M.P.

—before going on the platform. "Take a tea spoon of Pariline with water three times a day and you will soon get rid of that nasty cough."

I would like to think that there would be a riot in the Albert Hall at an incident like that but that is exactly what we accept on commercial television. Well—does it really matter?

I think that it does matter. Therefore let me boast with some pride that in my constituency of Southgate which is a lovely borough with parks and artificial lakes left over from the spacious days of the theatre companies and even opera companies than another borough in England.

These young people meet for rehearsal for many weeks and then move on to Church House which has an excellent stage as well as dressing rooms, where they rehearse plays and operas. Incidentally these activities often result in the young people marrying each other, for it is still true that people marry whom they meet. One of these amateur societies is a court-ship society. It is a play which was such a sensational flop at St James's Theatre in 1942.

These young people refuse to become prisoners of the television screen. But at the same time they are a tiny minority even in Southgate.

Sir Galahad

But to return to my main theme—the all conquering T.V. monster. No longer without its hero, Sir Galahad has appeared on the scene, and he is none the less a gallant fellow whose name is Sidney Bernstein. You will be certain to hear a lot about him so let me in a paragraph or two introduce him to you.

Sidney Bernstein was a young man who made quite a bit of money by buying small suburban cinemas in the days when everyone went to films. His system of buying was as unusual as it was successful. The owner would take him to the cinema in the morning and Bernstein would say: "But what a lovely theatre! And how well it is situated... It is a charming place."

Inevitably the owner would raise the price of his own mind when suddenly Bernstein would offer him a sum so low that the poor fellow recoiled from the shock. Then they would haggle and eventually Bernstein would do the deal having got the theatre at a price lower than the owner ever contemplated. When television came along Bernstein studied it until Par-



THE Ghost on Broadway

WILL IT SWING THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS?

A DEAD President and a former President are exerting a strong and strange influence on this Congressional election year. In the Cort Theatre, off Broadway, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, America's war-time President, has come to life again in the person of Ralph Bellamy, the veteran actor.

The play *Sunrise at Campobello*, by Mr Dore Schary, is the story of four years in the life of the young Roosevelt from 1921 to 1924 in the family summer home of New Brunswick. It was here that the confident, handsome, sun-tanned, supercilious Roosevelt, then 39, was stricken with infantile paralysis.

He had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Vice-Presidential candidate. He had money, power, personality, and a famous name, and his eyes were on the White House.

Then came the crippling polio. The play chronicles the years of his private ordeal, of his triumph over his affliction so that he was able to stand up on steel braces, shuffle to the plat-

form at Madison Square Garden and nominate Al Smith, "The Happy Warrior," for the Presidency.

Every night at the Cort Theatre people sit hushed and reverent. They leave the theatre like a congregation leaving a church after hearing an inspired preacher.

The critics have already said about the play: "Moving, heroic, inspiring, poignant and tender, eloquent, heart-warming, exciting, tense."

What does Ralph Bellamy, the man who re-creates Roosevelt say? None of the glowing words the critics have used. He sits in his dressing-room face lined, eyes bright, and chats easily. "I've played cowboys, cops. I've been bounced off horses and knocked off roofs. I've been slugged and shot and given the hot-foot but this role of F.D.R. is the toughest yet."

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THIS MAN was America's President four times. Now, 13 years after his death, he has grown greater in stature than ever before... even his old enemies admit he was a giant. His name has become a Democratic election weapon. And all because of a stage portrayal by THIS MAN



RALPH BELLAMY
"Impersonation is a night-club trick... I only suggest a man."

Meyner's Roman nose and silver hair are assets, and his delivery is forthright, but he does not ignore his audience.

And Mennen Williams, scion of a soap and shaving family, seems unable to set a meeting on fire, even though he is probably the handsomest man in politics. In his fifth term as Michigan Governor, is only 46, and a fervent disciple of F.D.R.

Both these Governors, and others, are bearing down heavily on the business slump and joblessness that now cloud the land. The battle will be fought over unemployment, and in the thick of it will be former President Harry S. Truman.

Frank talk

MR TRUMAN cannot keep out of the news—even if he wanted to, and he obviously does not want to.

His extraordinarily frank talk with Edward R. Murrow in the See It Now programme, which millions witnessed on television, and which the B.B.C. is showing, is still being discussed. It also has become a campaign document in the election.

Actually, the conversation between the two men was filmed a year ago in the Florida Keys, but much of the material will not be released during Truman's lifetime.

Even so, what was shown and heard was salty, blunt, and revealing.

I cannot imagine a British Prime Minister being so frank before the TV cameras or anywhere else.

Nor can I imagine a clinical, searching play such as *Sunrise at Campobello* about a British statesman being produced in London. But this thing has happened here.

Mr Truman thinks the Democrats are bound to win the forthcoming elections. The party itself is confident that with the help of the dead Roosevelt and the very much alive Truman, they will win in a walk.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

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Sunrise at Campobello is much more than a play. It is an intense emotional experience, and even the Roosevelt-haters are now agreeing that the man was a giant comparable to Lincoln and Washington, and dominating the Democratic Party even in death.

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thin out in the Roosevelt manner, juts his cigarette-holder, and uses the high-pitched voice of Groton and Harvard which was the voice of Roosevelt.

Bellamy studied Schary's script for months and consulted with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the President's widow, for weeks before the play went into production.

Although Eleanor Roosevelt approved the script, there are some false lines. Her children say: "My mother and father never said 'I love you' in front of other people."

And Mrs. Roosevelt, after seeing the play said that actress Mary Fickett's portrayal of her "is as much like me as the man in the moon."

But that is unimportant—certainly unimportant politically—and *Sunrise at Campobello* has become almost a campaign document for the Democrats this election year.

Bellamy says: "Remember when Roosevelt made that inaugural speech in 1932 and said to a disheartened country in the gloom of the greatest depression in our history: 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself? The words rang out across the land and across the globe and gave new heart to the whole world.'

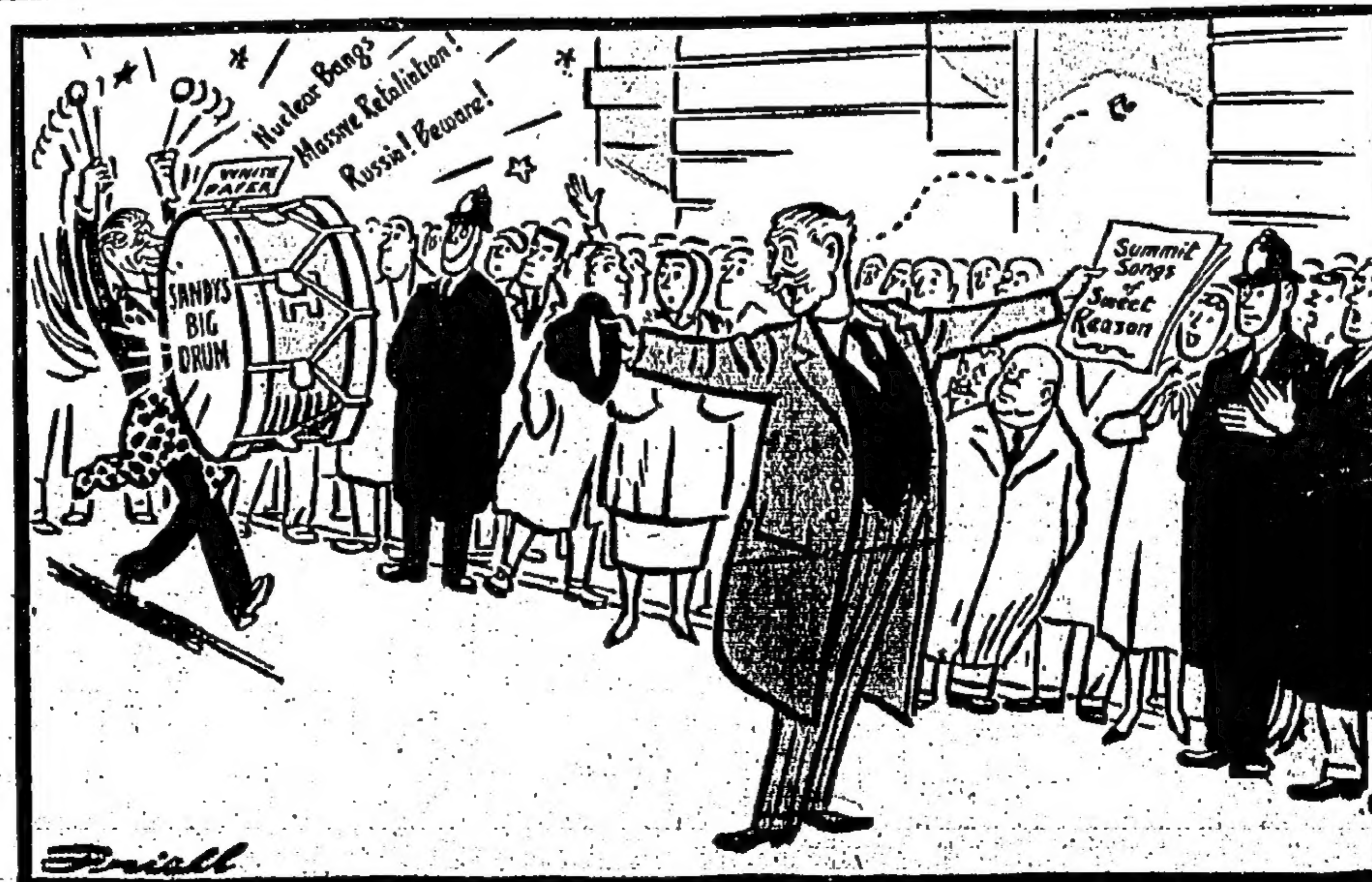
"They came out of his own heart and his own life."

Waiting

TODAY Americans wait for similar words. There are the Russian advances in science and there is the recession.

Let us not mince words—the recession, which could turn into a depression, is here in the United States now. And the Democrats have decided to use the slump and growing unemployment as their main campaign ammunition and put the blame on President Eisenhower.

Before the successful Jupiter-C rocket launching, the opposi-



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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

AN essay about the art of flattery recalled to me an excellent story told by Plutarch.

At the time when Cleopatra was making a fool of Antony, she organised a fishing expedition. Unable to land even a minnow, Antony ordered divers to take some of the fish caught by others and fix them to his hooks. Thus he got a fine haul, and Cleopatra boasted loudly of his skill. Next day she invited a large company to come and

witness his prowess. She told one of her servants to fix an old salted fish from Pontus on his hook before the divers could get to work. Antony heaved in and amid howls of laughter, exhibited his catch. "Leave the fishing-rod to others," said the "Serpent" of Old Nile. "Your game, Antony, is cities, provinces, and kingdoms."

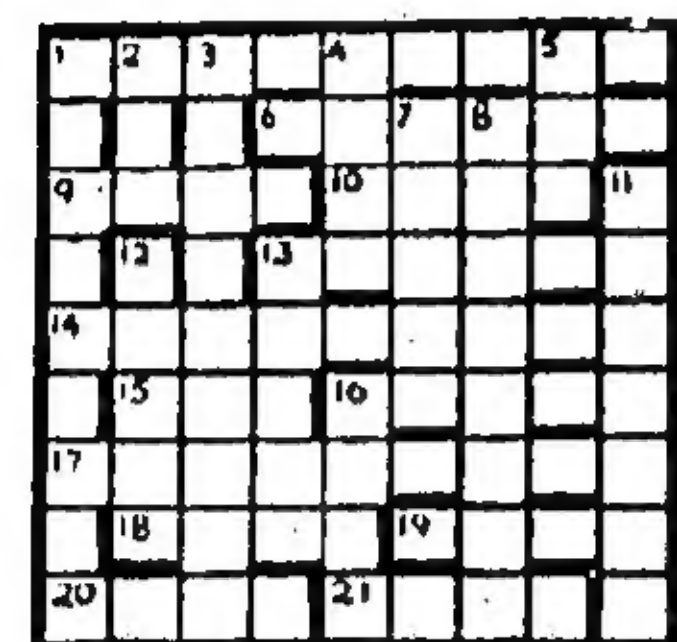
Dagger in the Dark (6)

AFTER a while the demented signalling became more grotesque, as greater ingenuity was required to catch the attention. There was a tattered Japanese with his knuckles pressed to his ears. A Tareg woodcutter carefully placed his thumb to his nose, and extended his four fingers outwards in a classical representation of the common or garden snook. A tok-seller raised his right knee and tapped it with his middle finger. A Latvian market-mender waved his left forefinger in a circle. Shuffledore, who had started this frantic nonsense, contented himself with putting his tongue out at a Rembrandt dropper, who retorted by jutting his left nostril with his fist. It was all so like a weird, symbolic, ritual dance that a Tibetan impresario on the balcony of a boat-house sent for a photographer. Meanwhile, Shuffledore was wondering how to stop this display of imbecility.

Telepolitics

IN future elections, to avoid danger to the British Constitution, Way of Life, Integrity, Awareness and Sense of Values, technicians with stop-watches will warn each speaker that anyone who tries to steal an extra second or two of time by coughing or saying "er" will be disqualified by the television authorities, and will not be permitted to make any more speeches.

CROSSWORD



- Across
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 2. Wind. (6)
 3. Doors wide. (4)
 4. Quality. (4)
 5. Stone dealer. (6)
 6. Mechanical expert. (6)
 7. Muske. (3)
 8. Sweet liquid. (6)
 9. 19, 21. Safety slogan. (4, 2, 3)
 10. No. 1 return. (4)
 11. Nations. (4)
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- Down
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 2. Year. (3)
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 4. Dictator. (4)
 5. Kind of deer. (3)
 6. Mr. Parker. (6)
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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

BORN today, you are that rare combination of the dreamer and the "doer". You have a well-balanced nature, with your affections near the surface and your loyalties deep and sincere. You work efficiently, yet with a spirit of imaginative impulse which you thrust upon the top of your work or profession, making it all your own. While the serious student, the philosopher and deep thinker, you are at times gay and the life of any party you attend. You women are especially attractive to members of the opposite sex and probably will have more than one romance before deciding upon a partner for life. Your home life should be an exceptionally happy one.

If you were a Leap Year child and celebrate your birthday today, but were actually born on February 29, which occurs once every four years, then the chances are that you will partake somewhat of the characteristics according to the month of the first of the incoming month.

Yet there will be special characteristics which even they will not share. You have great charm and special powers which which often makes you a much-sought-after individual. Since you are apt to be a person of highly original ideas, this talent is a great asset in presenting these ideas to the public and gaining their approval. You have more than one person's share of self-assurance and are confident of success. You have an iron will. Once you have set out in a certain direction on a project, you never falter until it is accomplished to your entire satisfaction. You will, in fact, sacrifice popularity for an ideal.

Among those born on February 28 were: Ernest Renan, theologian and historian; Ben Frost, author; Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke College; Arthur Symonds, Welsh author and critic; and Montaigne, essayist and philosopher.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

PICES (Feb. 28-Mar. 29)—A big day for Saturday's enterprises, but save some time in the evening for relaxing pleasure.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A good day to go visiting or to entertain friends in your own home. Whichever it is, enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—This could be a fine day to hunt for your new evening wardrobe. There are indications of romance for you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Call a family conference on your domestic budget if it appears there need to be some changes made!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—The aspects are excellent for success in your major field of endeavour. Make a big forward step.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Your own attitude will determine the degree of success in all affairs pertaining to both, family and career.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A pleasant outlook these days. Social activities are stepped up and work out well in conjunction with your job.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make a real effort to co-operate

with those outside the immediate family circle and pleasure is yours. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You have two days of beneficent aspects in which you may do about what you please—for a change!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Attend to domestic issues, but be extra cautious in any financial or business dealings with outsiders.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Lucky Hand Makes Seven

By OSWALD JACOBY

BOBBY WOLF of San Antonio took time out from his successful TV show "What's Your Bid" to play on the winning team at the Republic of Texas championships in Fort Worth.

Today's hand shows Bobby walking off with all the tricks with a hand that might well have gone down at three no-trump.

With 20 high card points Bobby was just too weak to open two no-trump but decided on that as his rebid after West overcalled. North raised Bobby to game and West opened the eight of spades.

Bobby gathered in the trick with his queen and laid down the ace of hearts. West dropped his singleton queen and Bobby

NORTH			
♠	74		
♥	J9853		
♦	J03		
♣	K102		
WEST			
♠	AK9832		
♥	Q		
♦	10842		
♣	Q8		
EAST			
♠	106		
♥	10762		
♦	K76		
♣	9643		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	Q75		
♥	AK4		
♦	AQ9		
♣	AJ75		
No one vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠8			

saw that he needed two entries to dummy in order to be able to bring home the heart suit.

Therefore he led a low club and finessed dummy's ten. Dummy's nine of hearts was allowed to ride for the next trick. Then Bobby took the king, got back to dummy with the king of clubs and got rid of his two remaining spades on dummy's hearts.

Meanwhile West had discarded a couple of diamonds. Now Bobby led dummy's jack and East covered with the king. This gave Bobby the rest of the tricks for a grand slam.

This is mighty early in the year, but I have a hunch that this hand will stand up as one of the luckiest of 1958.

♥CARD Sense♠

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♥ Double 1NT Pass
Pass 2♦ ?

You South, hold:
AK22 W888 0A86 4J932
What do you do?
A—Did two hearts. You have far too much to sell out this low and you have never shown your heart support.

TODAY'S QUESTION
West bids three diamonds and it is passed around to you. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

CHESS NEWS

Solution No. 5356: 1 Rxf1, QxR, 2 QxR ch; Kf7; 3 B-B6 mate.
London Express Service

This Funny World



"It's probably sheer coincidence, but Miss Weems is an employee of the Hercules Home-Wrecking Company."

WOMANSENSE

Two Views On Hair Styles



PICTURES BY JOHN FRENCH

NOW HAIR GOES STRAIGHT

HAIR styles are changing—or so say the model girls. If you are going to wear shorter skirts you must have longer hair.

Not long—but longer. Not touching the shoulders, but very nearly. It's a difficult look to describe. I saw a group of four or five models scampering through one of the big salons in Paris and was oddly reminded of a herd of struts in motion.

All wide eyes and long legs they seemed—their hair flying back each side like silky ears. See the new length in today's pictures. The hair is as straight as 12 inches of pump water—and just as shiny—with a little outward flip at the ends. The short slightly wavy fringe is combed back.

In the lower picture see the same girl in the evening. To wear with longer, fuller skirts—a sleeker style. Her fringe is combed forward but her hair is swept up with combs and crowned with a velvet bow.

By VERONICA PAPWORTH

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Munch Finds A Cloud

—It Was Tangled Up in the Willow's Branches—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow-Boy, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, walked slowly down the pleasant road with their good friend, Baron Munch. It was a lovely day, not warm, not cool, just right. Here and there in the sky were two or three fluffy clouds.

"Baron Munch," said Knarf, as they walked along, "you're a very smart man, aren't you?"

Munch Agreed

Baron Munch nodded. "Some people think so," he said.

"So do I think so," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear. "You're one of the smartest men in the world. Only—"

Baron Munch looked at Teddy and said: "What do you mean by that?"

"I mean," said Teddy, "that sometimes you say things which nobody can believe. I'm not sure that they're true stories. But you are very smart!"

Baron Munch smiled. "I always tell true stories," he said. He turned to Knarf.

"Were you about to say something?" said Knarf. "I was going to ask you what makes clouds stay up in the air. Why do they float around?"

Fond Of Clouds

"Ah," said Baron Munch. "Clouds are wonderful things. I'm very fond of clouds. It reminds me of something that

once happened to me when I was travelling in North America."

Knarf and Teddy both asked Baron Munch to tell them the story about the clouds.

At first Baron Munch declined to tell the story, saying that neither Knarf nor Teddy was likely to believe him. But finally he agreed.

Under A Willow Tree

"Now clouds are very strange things, my friends. They don't always stay in the sky. Sometimes they come right down to earth."

"What happened?" asked Knarf.

"One summer's day, I strolled out to see what the weather was like. To my surprise, I saw something big and white and fluffy sitting under a willow tree. I rubbed my eyes for I could hardly believe what I saw."

"But it's true!" I cried to myself the next moment. "That big white fluffy thing is a cloud!"

"The poor cloud," said Baron Munch, "had got itself tangled up in the branches of the willow. It had managed finally to get down to the bottom of the tree. And there it was sitting, unable to rise up or float away or do any of the things that clouds are supposed to do."

"And this is what I did. I picked it up and took it inside the house. I thought, perhaps, if I could get it warm, it would feel more like itself again. But a very odd thing happened."

"No sooner did I shut the door," Baron Munch said, "than it floated out of my arms. It went sailing off through the house, through the halls, up and down the stairs, into all the rooms. It was as though the whole house was clipped in milk. I grasped around in a thick fog. But I couldn't gather up that cloud again."

"What happened to it?" Teddy asked.

HOT AND DRY

Too many of our homes are too hot and too dry during this cold weather!

Just remember that you aren't going to spend all your time inside. You'll have to go outdoors whether it is to go to work, to shop or merely to call the kids.

And even though you bundle up warmly, stepping from a room that is too warm into cold winds may be too great a change. Your body must suffer from the strain, especially if the procedure is repeated frequently.

So how warm should a home be kept during the winter months?

ADEQUATE TEMPERATURE

Well, I think a high of 70 degrees Fahrenheit is about right. Scientists and doctors have checked into this matter pretty thoroughly and they report this temperature is adequate for most homes.

If you want anything badly enough, you are prepared to make sacrifices for it. Ask any young man saving up to get married! I longed for one glamour afternoon in Paris, living the high life in a plushy hair salon.

Killing two birds with one proverbial stone, I spent three days on the Swedish Milk diet, which costs under \$1 even in a Paris hotel.

With my accumulated savings, I visited M. Guillaume, who dressed the hair of the Dior mannequins and most of the elegant heads in Paris.

"Short, short hair for spring," said blue-eyed Guillaume, wearing his own dark tresses nearly down to his collar. "And up-swept to compliment the shorter skirts. Long hair will look plain dowdy for summer. You'll see."

He calls his 1958 hairline The Flower Lady, because of the petal movements of the hair.

"Blondes," he tells me, "are rather demode. Dark brunettes or redheads are smarter. But never a flat colour. The most chic heads are touched with subtle highlights, but not those vulgar contrast streaks."

Finally, I walked out on to the Avenue Matignon, with one of the neatest heads in Paris, feet that felt younger than the spring sunshine, and \$7.100, lighter in my purse.

If that's high life, I just love it! I forgot to mention the \$10. lost from the milk diet.

—(London Express Service).

by EILEEN ASCROFT

A MENACE TO HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WHEN the temperature drops outside, the temperature goes up inside.

Many homemakers, peering at the plunging thermometer, or hearing radio or television reports of a cold wave, automatically turn up the thermostat or heave more coal on the fire.

Now, of course, a temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit is not a standard rule.

If, for example, someone in the house is ill, or if an elderly person feels chilly under such circumstances, a slightly higher temperature may be maintained, say up to 74 degrees, or so.

The bodies of aged persons, you see, are not able to produce as much heat as those of healthy younger individuals.

CHILLED ROOM

You probably will want to air out your bedrooms. That's fine, providing you don't plan to sleep in a room thoroughly chilled by cold air pouring in through a wide open window.

The best bet is to open the bedroom windows for 15 minutes before you go to bed. Then close them upon retiring.

You'll have plenty of fresh air and you'll be warm and comfortable, too.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

W. D. I have extremely low blood pressure. Would it be harmful for me to drink alcoholic beverages?

Answer: If there are no symptoms from the low blood pressure and one is normal in other respects, there is no harm, as a rule, in consuming a limited amount of alcoholic beverages. However, this is a matter for your doctor to decide.

Baron Munch carried the cloud into the house.

"It drifted up the fireplace and out through the chimney like smoke. By the next morning, it was all gone. I think it found its way back into the sky again."

Out Of The Chimney

"Maybe," said Knarf, pointing to one of the fluffy clouds overhead, "that's your cloud, Baron Munch."

"No, it can't be," shouted Teddy, "and anyway I never heard of a cloud getting entangled in a willow tree."

But Baron Munch didn't answer. He just smiled and walked along, smoking his long clay pipe.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 14th day of March, 1958, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1957, and for the election of Directors and for the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 28th day of February to 14th day of March, 1958, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1958.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 13th day of March, 1958, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1957, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, the 3rd of March, to Thursday, the 13th of March, 1958, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1958.

Franco Offers Medal To Decoy Girl In 1936 Plot



Twenty years ago Major Pollard, his daughter Diana (right) and Miss Watson.

THE PICTURES THAT SPAN 20 YEARS OF HISTORY TO BRING BACK AN ECHO OF THE PAST

By GEOFFREY LAKE

London. THE cloak-and-dagger plot laid in London to smuggle General Franco into Spain on the eve of the Civil War re-echoed here last week—after 22 years.

For it became known that the Generalissimo is handing out medals to the Britons involved in the conspiracy. And some of them are none too anxious to accept.

'Let past stay dead'

Captain Charles Bebb, of Carshalton, Surrey, the pilot who flew Franco from virtual exile in the Canary Islands to

Spanish Morocco in July, 1936, has already been to Spain to collect the Order of Civil Merit.

But Mrs Diana Smythies, who sat behind him on that flight from Croydon Airport, would rather let the past stay dead. A report from Madrid about Captain Bebb's award led me to Mrs Smythies.

Tropical fish

I found her in Oxford, in a room overlooking an ancient church, surrounded by books and tropical fish. There she told me of the flight that changed the history of a nation.

These were the characters in her story: CAPTAIN BEBB, 53-year-old operations manager of a charter firm at Croydon Airport. He was the pilot who flew Franco from the Canary Islands to Tetuan in Spanish Morocco.

MAJOR HUGH POLLARD, now 68 and living at Midhurst in Sussex, author and firearms expert, and father of DIANA POLLARD, then 19, who is now Mrs Smythies.

DOROTHY WATSON, Diana's friend, then 24. She helped with the chickens on the Pollard's farm.

Tourist pose

"My father was approached through an English friend of a Spanish secret agent in London," said Mrs Smythies. "He was asked if he was prepared to make a plane trip to somewhere on the west coast of North Africa, posing as a tourist."

"Two English girls would have to go along to improve the tourist pose."

"But the tourist pose worked. The nearest we ever got to General Franco was when we boarded a ship and knew he was in the hold. But we left Captain Bebb in Tenerife and caught a boat back to London."

'Red Arrows'

"Some time later I learned that General Franco had been flown on us in a variety of degrees of the Order of the Red Arrows. I have never bothered to collect the award."

"I did not know what was happening when we set out on that trip, and I have never been very comfortable about the sort of action it provoked." Major Pollard told me: "Of course I had a pretty shrewd idea of what it was all about, but I had no qualms about taking my daughter and Miss Watson along as decoys. I don't think they were ever in very much danger."

Russian Concern Over Caviar Supplies

Moscow, Feb. 27.

The Soviet Union is running into difficulties with its three most famous food delicacies—caviar, smoked salmon and canned crab.

Trouble for the caviar comes from the Caspian Sea, the most prolific playground of the sturgeon, the royal fish whose eggs tickle the palates of gourmets the world over. The Caspian is drying up. Too much of the waters of the Volga, the Ural and other rivers which used to feed the Caspian have been retained by huge dams and now flow into irrigation projects.

NOTICE

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th March, 1958, at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

2. To confirm the Interim Dividend of 10 cents per share and Bonus of .10 cents per share.

3. To sanction the recommendation of the Directors as to the payment of a Final Dividend of 20 cents per share and Bonus of 10 cents per share, and

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March to 12th March, 1958, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ERNEST SAHMET,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1958.

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Mrs Smythies last week. She was a 'decoy' in the plot. "I didn't know what was going on."

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman." Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman indiscreetly seeking a bed-mate.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Legend Of The Lost." John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi search for treasure in the Sahara.
LEE & ASTOR: "Campbell's Kingdom." Dirk Bogarde in an outdoor drama set in the Canadian Rockies. At 9.30 p.m. "The One That Got Away." Hardy Kruger as the only German POW to escape.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Gift Of Love." Lauren Bacall and Robert Stack in a sentimental journey which introduces a new child star, Evelyn Rudie.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Jailhouse Rock." Elvis Presley sings and fights through another film.
QUEEN'S: "For Better For Worse." Dirk Bogarde and Susan Stephen. A comedy.
ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "The Enemy Below." Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a duel to the death at sea.
CAPITOL: "Eagle Squadron." Cornel Wilde and Michael Rennie in Hollywood's version of the life of a great poet.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

6.30, Asian Club; 6.45, Time Signal; 7.00, Popular Music; 7.15, Junior Jazz; 7.30, Minutes for teenagers introduced by Deborah Hurbutt; 8.00, Weather Report; 8.15, Time Signal; 8.30, The News; 8.45, Commentary; 9.15, Year Week; 9.30, presented by Ted Thomas; 9.45, Edmund Ro and his orchestra; 10.00, Celia Parker and Stella Sim in "A Case For De Merville" by Ernest Dudley Part 5 "The Black Ruby" (GURUS); 10.30, Salish Henderson his piano and orchestra; 10.45, British songs; 11.00, Ponderosa Choral Society conductor, Haydn Thomas (HPCRS); 11.15, Weather Report; 11.30, Time Signal; The News; 11.45, Minute; 12.00, Love's Hour—Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 12.15, Take it from here with Dick Bentley; 12.30, Pictorial; 1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.45, 2.00, 2.15, 2.30, 2.45, 3.00, 3.15, 3.30, 3.45, 4.00, 4.15, 4.30, 4.45, 5.00, 5.15, 5.30, 5.45, 6.00, 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.15, 7.30, 7.45, 8.00, 8.15, 8.30, 8.45, 9.00, 9.15, 9.30, 9.45, 10.00, 10.15, 10.30, 10.45, 11.00, 11.15, 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End Of Import Restrictions Of Sterling Notes Into UK

London, Feb. 28. The Treasury last night announced the end of all restrictions of the import of sterling in bank notes.

The restrictions and today and it will be the first time since the beginning of World War Two that travellers may carry into the United Kingdom as much sterling in banknotes as they wish.

In recent years the import quota for the British banknote has been £10 per person. No restrictions in neighbouring countries prevent the cancelling of the limit, the Treasury said.

Competent British quarters said the new move might produce some interesting results since a great amount of paper sterling is known to exist abroad and particularly on the European Continent. City circles hope that those abroad who have tucked notes away against an emergency will go on hoarding them.

One reason which had stopped the authorities taking this move before is that a large number of false notes were circulated by the Germans during the last war—France-Press.

There was no change in the local rate this morning, which remained at \$15.55 per one pound sterling.

New Street

The Government Gazette announced today that the following thoroughfare will be known in future as described hereunder: Kim Shin Lane—Commencing at its junction with Castle Peak Road about 100 feet north-east of Fuk Wah Street running in an easterly direction for approximately 570 feet and terminating at its junction with Cheung Wah Street.

No Objection To Appointment Of German Consul

London, Feb. 27.

The British Government said today it saw no reason to object to the appointment of Dr Otto Brautigam as Consul—General of the Federal German Republic in Hongkong.

A Labour member, Mr Arthur Lewis, had asserted in the House of Commons that Dr Brautigam was a "high official in the Nazi Government" and was "connected with the liquidation of Jews."

Sale Of Land In Kun Tong

Crown land of about 178,830 square feet in Kun Tong, restricted for certain industrial purposes, is to be sold by public auction on Monday, March 10, at 3 p.m. at the Crown Lands and Surveys Office, Lower Albert Road. The upset price is \$894,150.

The lot is restricted for industrial purposes excluding any offensive, noxious, or unhealthy trade, business or manufacture.

The annual Crown rent is \$1,000. The building covenant is \$2,000,000 in 24 months. The lease is for the residue of a term of 21 years from July 1, 1955 renewable for a further term of 21 years less the last three days thereof.

URBAN COUNCIL

Mr D. C. Readman has been appointed an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council, it was notified in the Government Gazette today.

WHELOCK CASE IN CHAMBERS

The suit for \$960,000 damages against Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd., which started on February 20 before Mr Justice C. W. Rees at the Supreme Court, was dealt with in Chambers this morning.

The plaintiff was Mr Alexander Kwong, trading as Roland and Co., of 22 Tse Mut Road first floor. He was represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr M.E. Ives, of Peter Mo and Co.

Wheelock Marden and Co., were represented by Mr John McNell, QC, and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F.G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

DAMAGES CLAIM

In his action, plaintiff claimed damages in respect of the value of the motor vessel, Lady Wolmer, and general damages for the ship's alleged detainment and conversion by the defendant company.

Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd., denied the claim in their statement of defence, but maintained that should the claim be successful, the defendant firm was entitled to a set-off in respect of various items set out in a counter-claim which they filed to the extent of the amount claimed.

NO TROUBLE FOR RIL IN INDONESIA

Mr A. H. Veltman, Managing Director of Royal Intercean Lines, who returned from a business trip to Indonesia yesterday, said this morning that Dutch shipping in Indonesia with the exception of KPM Royal Netherland Steam Packet Company's ships was quite normal.

The reason for this, he said, was due to a difference in trade. "Our trade is from Europe into Indonesia while theirs is between Indonesian ports."

From earlier reports Mr Veltman said he expected to see things "in a topsy-turvy condition." However, he added, as far as he could see life was quite normal and their ships received good dispatch from various ports.

MORE EFFICIENT

Cargo handling, Mr Veltman said, is more efficient than last year. Last year, he said, there was more labour unrest but at present the military have strict control of various ports and they see to it that these ports are well run.

The only thing he thought was affected was the movement which was light both into and out of Indonesia. However, he said, this affects all shipping and not necessarily Dutch.

Asked if he considered there was still a meat to Dutch shipping in Indonesia, Mr Veltman said he had an interview with Commodore Natier, Minister of Shipping, and added, "If there were any doubts in my mind these doubts have now been removed."

EXEMPTION

The Government Gazette today announced the exemption of the following premises from the further application of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, subject to the stated conditions:

Nos. 192 and 194, Yu Chau Street, Kowloon.
No. 225 Nathan Road, Kowloon.
No. 10, Mosque Street, Hongkong.
Nos. 48 and 50, Johnston Road, Hongkong.
Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Pak Hot Street, Nos. 50, 52, and 54, Battery Street, Kowloon.
Nos. 355 and 357, Tai Nam Street, Kowloon.

Efficiency Medal

Colour Sergeant G. S. Cozard, HKRNVR, has been awarded the First Class to the Efficiency Medal, according to the Government Gazette today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Jim wants to come back from Wall Street and raise pigs—it's the same letter we got from him every spring!"

ACCUSED DENIES PUSHING WOMAN INTO THE SEA

Leung Kwai-ming, 44-year-old textile worker, on trial for alleged murder of a married woman, denied this morning that he had pushed the deceased into the sea after he had injured her with a chopper.

Leung made the denial while under cross-examination during his trial before Mr Justice A.D. Scholles at the Criminal Sessions.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:

Colonial Secretariat
Mr R. W. Primrose, to be Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, and to be a Cadet Officer, Class II, on trial.

Sanitary Services
Mr E. F. Warburton, to be Deputy Superintendent of Sanitary Services.

Inland Revenue
Mr A. D. Duffy, resumed duty as Chief Assessor, Inland Revenue Department, on return from leave. Mr W. Rees, ceased to act as Chief Assessor on resumption of duty by Mr Duffy.

Medical Department
Mr J. W. Dodds, to be Acting Chief Male Nurse, during the absence of Mr R. E. Foster.

Police Department
Mr R. W. Farmer, and Mr C. G. March, promoted Assistant Superintendents of Police, Registrar General's Dept.

Mr Walter Hume, to be a Legal Assistant, Registrar General's Department, on probation.

Miss M. A. Grant, promoted Matron, Class I.

Police Department
Mr R. W. Farmer, and Mr C. G. March, promoted Assistant Superintendents of Police, Registrar General's Dept.

Mr Walter Hume, to be a Legal Assistant, Registrar General's Department, on probation.

Legislative Co.
Dr the Hon. D. J. M. Macdonald, Director of Health and Medical Services, has been appointed an Official member of the Legislative Council until June 30. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

HONORARY ADC
Lieutenant David Andrew Huxley, HKRNVR, has been appointed an honorary aide-de-camp to His Excellency the Governor, vice Lieut-Comdr M. Daniel, HKRNVR, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

He is charged with the murder of Ho Ah-kwan, 32, who was alleged to have been his mistress, on November 25. The body of the deceased was found by the police on the seabed about 40 yards from an embankment in Tsun Wan early on the morning of November 26.

Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Messrs. Deacons, appears for the accused, Mr W.A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by D.D. C. Forgas.

To Threaten

Cross-examined, accused said that the chopper in question was used to threaten the deceased, because he intended to leave her but he would not agree. He added that he also wanted to know about her relationship with another man.

Asked what he would mean by saying, "something serious will happen" which was written in a note, accused said that he referred to his possibility of committing suicide, adding that he had twice attempted to kill himself.

Accused, in answer to another question on the 27 chopper wounds, denied that such wounds were incurred by the chopper. He said that both of them could not control their tempers at that time and they were engaged in a long struggle.

The deceased had fallen once and got up, and then shouted "Mama, Mama." Accused stated that he then made signs to indicate to her to sit down, but she was staggering.

Did Not Notice
While he was engaged in talking to her, accused said that he did not notice when she fell into the water. However, as soon as she stopped talking, he jumped into the water at once to rescue her, but failed. Then he intended to commit suicide himself, but changed his mind shortly later, because the water was too shallow and he knew how to swim.

Questioned why he did not called for help from the village to save the deceased, accused said his mind at that time was very much confused and he had not thought about it.

Denial
Reading a statement written by accused, Crown Counsel asked, whether it was correct that that accused had the motive to kill the deceased in order to remove his hatred. Accused said that he had no such motive, and his writing was done during his confusion.

Accused also denied a sentence in his statement running, "I made up my mind to kill her and then I pushed her into the water."

Hearing is proceeding.

SINGER SUES SIX PAPERS FOR ALLEGED LIBEL

Six local newspapers, their proprietors, publishers, editors and printers were sued by a singer before Judge James Wicks at the Victoria District Court this morning for alleged libel.

AT THE UNIVERSITY

Last Night's Two Plays

By JOHN LUFF

As if arising out of all the wordy warfare that has characterised this past week's gossip, the Stage Club stepped forth, and flung into the teeth of us who attend to pronounce judgment on their plays, "Antigone" and "A Phoenix Too Frequent." For of this I am certain; any who attend to judge this play will find the play judging them, thus showing that he who haunts the theatre will find the theatre haunting him.

Both plays returned to the Greek theme, where our Western drama was established by that courageous kind of thinking in which the humans challenge the gods in dialectical combat, and of the two playwrights, Christopher Fry cooks a snoot at the established Olympian deities, while Jean Anouilh underlines and in fact underwrites the premises that man, in knowing the penultimate will nevertheless die for the ultimate. It was so in ancient Greece and is so in Eastern Europe.

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The singer, Miss Lau Sing, of 44 Kimberley Road, third floor, is claiming \$5,000 against each of the newspapers. She is represented by Mr Charles Ying, of Messrs Hastings and Co.

The newspapers are Wen Wei Po, Loo, Yu, Hung-sing, proprietor and publisher, Leo Tse-chung, editor, and Wen Wei Po, printers, all of 4 Percival Street; Yuet Wah Daily News, Lo Sau-ling, proprietor, Tso Kai-cho, publisher, Hung Lul-man, editor, all of 142 Connaught Road Central, and Sheng Kee Press Ltd, printers, of 14-15, Lee Yuen Street East; The Gentlemen Yat Po, Lai Lai-wah, proprietress, publisher and editor, of 51 Gough Street, and New Asia Printing Co., printers, of 49 Gough Street; Chung Po Daily, Chung Fung, proprietor, publisher and editor, of 84 Kennedy Road, third floor, and Sheng Kee Press Ltd, printers; Hung Look Daily News, Yam Wah-fa, proprietor, Fung Tsui-wah, publisher, Yam Tat-nin, editor, and Golden Bridge Co., printers, all of 21 Eastern Street East; and Hongkong Commercial Daily, Li Siu-chung, proprietor, publisher and editor, of 148, Connaught Road Central, and Nam Cheong Printing Co., printers, of 42 D'Aguiar Street.

They are represented by Mr Peter Chan, of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

The plaintiff claims that the defendants published articles on May 19 last, allegedly injuring her reputation and bringing her into public disgrace, scandal, ridicule, hatred and contempt.

At Mr Chan's request, the claims were adjourned for a week.

BOAC Cable Network

Increased facilities for BOAC in cable communications will come into effect tomorrow when the Corporation's comprehensive teleprinter system is extended from Hongkong to Japan.

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